

Building
625 E Street, N.W.
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-228

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Written Historical and Descriptive Data

Historic American Buildings Survey
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
National Park Service
801 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

1. STATE District of Columbia

COUNTY

TOWN Washington VICINITY

STREET NO. 625 E Street, N.W.

ORIGINAL OWNER

ORIGINAL USE Either a residence or a com-
PRESENT OWNER bined residence & shop

PRESENT USE Store

WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick and sandstone

NO. OF STORIES Four

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

INVENTORY HAB5 DC-228

2. NAME Building

DATE OR PERIOD Probably the 1850's, with
STYLE later alterations.

ARCHITECT

BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

This brick building with a painted sandstone front faces south and is about 20 feet wide. Its four-story facade is rather uncommon in composition. The first story has been remodeled, leaving only the topmost two courses of rustications visible; these show that there had been an entrance in the left bay of the three-bay elevation.

The second story is treated as a rusticated arcade of Italian Renaissance character, with plain impost. In each recess there is a pedimented window, its sides trimmed with a small guilloche band and the lintel with a wider guilloche. This story is terminated by a simple moulded band in which the moulded surfaces are inclined planes. Third-story window sills rest on this course.

The third and fourth stories are of smooth-faced ashlar, similar except that the third is somewhat taller. Rectangular window openings have rounded upper corners and the trim is a rope moulding. They are glazed with three-light double casements and a two-light transom above a thin bar.

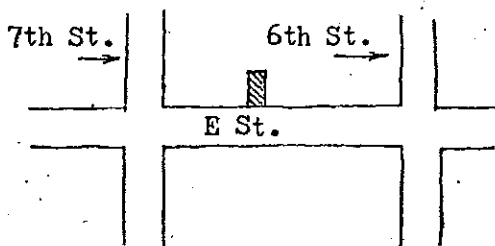
The wide wooden cornice is much heavier in scale than the remainder of the facade and might be a replacement or early alteration. Six large console brackets support a corona and cymatium. These mouldings return against the wall near the end, each return being supported on a similar returned console. A panel in each frieze compartment was formed by a heavy applied moulding.

A dormer window on the front is probably recent. The ridge of a gable roof is parallel to the street.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered

Interior

Exterior Fair



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)

INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

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